

**Fiscal Services Division**  
**Legislative Services Agency**  
**Fiscal Note**

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HF 2379 – Senior Administrative Law Judge (LSB 5977 HV)  
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**Description**

House File 2379 establishes the Senior Administrative Law Judge Program within the Administrative Hearings Division of the Department of Inspections and Appeals. Under the Program, the Division will hire retired administrative law judges to assist in performing duties on a part-time basis. The Bill specifies the qualifications for employment. The positions are not covered by the merit system.

**Background**

The senior administrative law judge position will be utilized at the discretion of Department. Examples may include emergency situations, to cure caseload backlogs, or if vacant positions cannot be filled immediately.

**Assumptions**

- Two senior administrative law judges will work 40 hours per week for 13 weeks for a total of 520 hours each.
- The current hourly rate for administrative law judges is \$84.50 per hour. The same rate would apply to senior administrative law judges.
- One-time capital outlay will be required for the first year.

**Fiscal Impact**

The estimated cost to the General Fund for the first year will be \$90,730. For subsequent years, the cost will be \$87,880.

**Source**

Department of Inspections and Appeals

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/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.

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